

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	05/02/12
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	05/15/12
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All Supervisorial Districts
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request approval to purchase a Storage Area Network (SAN), fixed asset, essential for the Department of Mental Health to prevent data loss.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	A SAN is a collection of interconnected hard disk drives with an intelligent controller. It is connected to a telecommunications network; stores data generated by computer users on the network, makes the data available for retrieval on demand, and helps prevent data loss.
<b>DEADLINES</b>	No Deadlines
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	The total projected one-time cost for the purchase of the SAN equipment components and installation services will not exceed \$465,000 and will be funded with Sales Tax Realignment Revenue. Additional detail comprising the total equipment cost is shown in Attachment I. Sufficient appropriation for the purchase of the SAN is included in DMH's FY 2011-12 Final Adopted Budget.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approval of this action will enable DMH to purchase a SAN to replace the existing obsolete hardware which is no longer covered by the warranty. DMH previously extended the warranty on the existing SAN from the normal five (5) years to seven (7) years, and the vendor will not offer any more extensions.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)</b>	<p>On November 9, 2010, DMH obtained your Board's approval for a similar purchase. This purchase was for the replacement of an obsolete SAN that stores production data created by DMH staff, including user generated files and e-mail messages. The SAN is also used for backup, recovery and e-discovery.</p> <p>The new SAN, like the device it is replacing, will be used to store the data of the DMH Data Warehouse.</p> <p>If the current SAN is not replaced, it will fail at some point resulting in loss of critical data and DMH will not have the capacity to continue virtualizing servers. Modern health services delivery organizations are heavily data enabled.</p>
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